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SInce our last the following Acts have been past in the Parliament.

An Act for Security of the Protestant Religion.

OUR Soveraign Lord with consent of his Estates in Parliament Conveened, Ratifies and confirms all the Acts and Statutes formerly past for the Security Liberty and freedom of the True Church of God and the Protestant Religion presently professed within this Kingdom in their whole strength and Tenor as if they were here particularly set down and expresst.

An Act containing a tender of Duty and offer of the Excise to His Majesty.

THE Estates of Parliament now Conveened by His Majesties Soveraign Authority Taking into their Consideration how this Nation hath now continued upwards of two thousand years in the unaltered form of our Monarchical Government, under the uninterrupted Line of one hundred and eleven Kings, whose Sacred Authority and Power have been upon all signal occasions Owned and assisted by Almighty God, that our Kingdom hath been protected from Conquest, Our Possessions defended from Strangers, our Civil Commotions brought into wished Events, our Laws vigorously Executed, our Properties legally fixed, and our Lives securely preserved; so that we and our Ancestors have enjoyed those Securities and Tranquilities, which the greater and more flourishing Kingdoms have frequently wanted These great Blessings we owe in the first place to Divine Mercy, and in dependance on that to the Sacred Race of our Glorious Kings, and to the Solid, Absolute Authority wherewith they were invested by the first and Fundamental Law of our Monarchy; Nor can either our Records or our Experience instance our being deprived of those happy Effects, but when a Rebellious Party did by Commotions and Seditions invade the Kings Soveraign Authority, which was the cause of our Prosperity; Yet so far hath our Primitive constitution and fundamental Laws prevailed against the Innovations and Seditions of Turbulent men, as that these Interruptions never terminated, but either in the Ruine, or at least the Suppression of those who at any time did Rebel, or rise in opposition to our Government. And since so many Ages hath assured to us the great advantages which flow down to all Ranks of people from the happy constitution of our Monarchs, and that all our Calamities have ever arisen from Seditious Invasions upon these Sacred Rights; Therefore the Estates of Parliament for themselves, and in name of the whole Kingdom, Judge themselves obliged to declare, and they do declare to the World, that they abhor and detest not only the Authors and Actors of all preceeding Rebellions against the Soveraign; But likewise all Principles and Positions which are contrary or derogatory to the Kings Sacred Supream Soveraign Absolute Power and Authority, which none, whether Persons or Collective Bodies can participate of any manner of way, or upon any pretext, but in dependence on him, and by Commission from him; And as their Duty formerly did bind them to own and assert the Just and Legal Succession of the Sacred Line, as unalterable by any humane Jurisdiction; So now they lay hold on this occasion for themselves and the whole Nation represented by them in most humble and dutiful manner to renew the hearty and sincere offer of their Lives and Fortunes, to Assist, Support, Defend and Maintain King JAMES the Seventh, their present Glorious Monarch, and his Heirs and Lawful Successors in the possession of their Crowns, Soveraignty Prerogatives, Authority, Dignity, Rights and Possessions against all Mortals, and therewithal to assure all his Enemies who shall adventure on the disloyalty of disobeying his Laws, or on the Impiety of invading his Right. That they shall sooner be weary of their wickedness, than they of their Duty; And that they firmly resolve to give their intire obedience to His Majesty, without reserve against all his Enemies Foreign or Intestine. And they solemnly declare, that as they are bound by Law, so they are voluntarily and firmly resolved, that all of this Nation betwixt Sixty and Sixteen armed and provided according to their abilities, shall be in a readiness for his Majesties Service, where and as oft as it shall be his Royal Pleasure to require them.

And since the Excise of Inland and Foreign Commodities granted to King Charles the Second of ever Blessed Memory, by the 14th Act of the Paliament 1661. during all the days of his life time, and prorogate by the 8th Act of the Parliament 1681. for five years thereafter will shortly terminate: And the Estates of Parliament considering the usefulness of this Grant to support the Interest of the Crown, do as the first Evidence of their sincerity in the foresaid tender of their Duty humbly and unanimously offer to his most Sacred Majesty King James the 7th their present Monarch, and to his Lawful Heires and Successors in the Imperial Crown of Scotland, the said Excise of Inland and Foreign Commodities expresst in the said 14 Act of Parliament 1661 to be collected in the manner prescribed by the said 8th act of the Parliament 1681. for ever; And his Majesty and Estates of Parliament by the Force of this Act have united, annexed and incorporated, and unites, annexes and incorporates the same to the Crown of this Realm, to remain therewith in annexed property in all time coming; And in respect that the alteration in the method of collecting the inland Excise from what it was by the Act 1661. to that prescribed by the 8th Act of Parliament 1681. will require some time to establish it in Collection; Therefore His Majesty with consent of the Estates, continues the Cess prescribed by the 14th Act of Parliament 1661. of the Inland Excise for three Months from the first of May next allenarly.

Act Concerning Citations in Processes for Treason.

OUr Soveraign Lord, with advice and consent of the Estates of Parliament, Ratifies and Approves the former custom used by His Majesties Lords of Justiciary in proceeding against Panneled persons, and Indicted for Treason upon twenty four dayes warning His Majesty allows such Pannels to be cited upon Eight Hours. And if the Pannels represent such defences to the Commissioners of Justiciary within that time, as may make an Exculpation, His Majesty with advice aforesaid, Allows the said Commissioners to delay the Tryal till the days elapse on which the Exculpation is to be raised.

Act Concerning Witnesses.

OUr said Soveraign Lord, and Estates of Parliament, do Statute and Ordain, That such as being Cited to be Witnesses in the Cases of Treason, Field or House Conventicles, or Church Irregularities, do refuse to Depone; They shall be lyable to be punished as guilty of those Crimes respectively in which they refuse to be Witnesses. It is always hereby declared that the said Deposition so emitted shall not Militate against the Deponent himself any manner of way.

A PROCLAMATION,

For putting the Kingdom of *Scotland* in a Posture of Defence against the Enemies of the King and Government.

JAMES, *by the Grace of God, King of* Great-Britain, France, *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith; To Our Lyon King at Arms, and his Brethren Heraulds Macers of Our Privy Council, Pursevants, and Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as those Traiterous Conspirators, who designed the Horrid and Sacrilegious Murder of Our Deare st Brother, the late King, of Renowned and Eternal Memory, and the Destruction of Our Ancient Monarchy, continuing still in the same Hellish Project and Fury against Us, and Our Royal Government; Are now again setting their Designs on Work, to raise Commotions in this Our Ancient Kingdom, as being the last Struglings of them, and their Execrable Party, and the outmost Effects of their absolute Despair: For preventing whereof, and bringing these Desperat and Execrable Traitors to just and Condign Punishment; We, with Advice of Our Privy Council, Do hereby, strictly Require and Command, all and every of the Subjects of this Our Realm, That they be in a readiness in their best Arms to concur and assist Us against any the aforesaid Commotions, or Insurrections, as they shall be advertised; And particularly, We hereby Require and Command, all and every the Colonels of Our Militia Regiments of Foot, and Captains of Horse and the inferiour Officers and Souldiers under their Command, in the Shires respective underwritten, viz. The* Merse, Teviotdale, Peebles, Solkirk, *East, Mid, and West* Lothians, *Town of* Edinburgh, Stirling *Shire,* Fife *and* Kinross *Shires; The four Companies of the Low-Country, of the Earl of* Perth *Our Chancellers Regiment; and the three Companies of the Low-Country, of the Marquis of* Athol, *Lord Privy Seal, his Regiment; The Sheriffs of* Forfar *and* Kincardin; *and all the Heretors, Liferenters, Feuars and Woodsetters in the Shires of* Air, Renfrew, Clidsdale, Wigtoun, Dumfreis, *and Stewartries and Bailiaries within the same, to be in readiness with fourteen Days Provision, to March when, and whither Our Privy Council shall give them Orders; And to that end, to have their Arms fixed, and their several Companies of Our Militia, presently Mustered, and the Heretors and others*

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